TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office recorded births, deaths and marriages and forwarded copies to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as required by law. Certified copies are available to the public, for most records, upon request.

A total of 2,300 dog licenses were issued by the Town Clerk's Office for the calendar year 2016. Raffles, bazaar permits and gasoline permit renewals were issued. Financing statements, utility pole locations, cemetery deeds and business certificates were recorded. Decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, decisions on request for Special Permits from the Redevelopment Board and Amendments to the Traffic Rules and Orders were also placed on file in this office. Legal complaints from citizens were received, time stamped and forwarded to the Legal Department on Pleasant Street; copies are retained in our office. Licenses, permits, and business certificates were reported to the Department of Revenue.

Also place on file in this office are: street permits, drain layer, blasting and other surety bonds covering contractors. Oaths of office were administered to all elected or appointed Town Officials and each were given copies, if needed, of the Open Meeting Law and the Conflict of Interest Law. Notices of meetings of all boards, committees or commissions were publicly posted upon receipt, as required by the Open Meeting Law.

Town Officials and Departments were notified of all Legislative Acts affecting them. Fines were collected for citations issued under Section 21D, Chapter 40, General Laws, for violation of the Town By-Laws. Citations for persons who did not pay the penalties within the required time of twenty-one days, were referred to the Clerk of the District Court of Middlesex for further action. The Clerk's and Registrars Offices were extremely busy in 2016, with 6 elections, 2 Special Town Meetings and regular Town Meeting.

There were 9,665 Early Votes cast, which were required by law to be entered into the computer system of the State on the day they were received; the next step was arranging them by precinct to be sent to the polls. Working late into the evening, until 11:00 or later, and arriving early each morning and on weekends, the task was accomplished.

The elections and Town Meetings are as follows:

- January 25 Special Town MeetingMarch 1 Presidential Primary
- April 2 Town Election
- April 25 Annual Town Meeting started (2 nights a week for 7 sessions)
- June 14 Special Town Meetin
- September 8 State Primary
- September 20 Special Election for Minuteman
- October 19 Special Town Meetin
- November 8 Presidential/State Election

There were 9,665 Early Votes, 3,000 Absentee Ballots, and 355 overseas Absentee Ballots for the November 8, 2016, Presidential/State Election.

Following are the vital statistics of the Town for 2016, which are recorded at this time. It should be noted, however, that the summaries of births and deaths are incomplete, inasmuch as records thereof pertaining to Arlington residents are still being received by our office from the cities and towns where these events occurred.

Vital Statistics	2014	2015	2016
Births	564	571	575
Deaths	350	384	363
Marriages	196	190	194

Fees Collected	2014	2015	2016
Marriage Intentions	\$6,120	\$5,900	\$5760
Miscellaneous Certificates	\$36,342	\$40,166	\$39,981
Renewal of Gasoline Permits	\$326	\$226	\$950
Miscellaneous Books/CD's	\$600	\$433	\$435
Miscellaneous Violations/Licenses	\$4,875	\$5,125	\$8,737
Duplicate Dog Tags	\$30	\$32	\$44
Filing Fees/Special Permits	\$45	\$1,325	\$400
Dog Licenses	\$35,895	\$52,220	\$25,140
TOTAL	\$84,043	\$105,428	\$82,997

Registrars of Voters

As mandated by law, a combined Annual Town and School Census was conducted during the months of January and February, 2016. The census was conducted entirely by mail, with computer preprinted forms sent to each household in Arlington requesting that information contained therein be confirmed or corrected. The census forms contained the names of all persons residing in Arlington. Once returned to the Registrars' Office, all census and voter information was entered and continually updated in the Town's computer base by the Registrars' Office. A list of children eligible for Kindergarten for the following year was transmitted to the School Department upon request.

The Jury commissioner obtained juror information directly from the Massachusetts Voter Registration Information system from data entered into the system by this office. The Annual True List of Persons, seventeen years of age and older, was published as required by law. In accordance with the True List information that had been presented, notices were sent by first class mail, as required by law, to persons whose names were to be removed from the voting list because they had not been reported as residing in Arlington on January 1, 2016. Those who proved residence were reinstated. The total number of registered voters upon completion of the annual revision of the voting list for the last election of the year was 30,000+. The following number of voters in the four political parties are as follows:

Registered Voters	2014	2015	2016
Total Registered	30,846	30,225	31,110
Democrats	14,164	13,899	14,309
Republicans	2,040	1,968	1,853
Unenrolled	14,523	14,180	14,698
United Independent Party			132

Throughout the year, daily sessions for registration of voters were held during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk. Special sessions were also held until 8:00 P.M. on the last day to register for each of the three elections.

Mail-in voter registrations have eliminated the requirement that special evening and Saturday sessions for the registration of voters to be held except for the final day prior to the deadline for registration for primaries and elections. Special forms for mail-in voter registration were made available at various locations throughout Arlington and all other cities and towns in the State.

In addition, persons were allowed to fill out voter registration affidavits at public offices throughout Massachusetts, such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Social Security, Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps,

Military Recruitment Offices and other State and Federal departmental offices and online. These affidavits were forwarded through the computer or by mail to the Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of the voters' places of residence. As required by law, acknowledgment forms were sent to persons who registered to vote at special locations, or mailed in registration affidavits, notifying them of their precincts and voting places.

The Board certified voter signatures appearing on nomination papers filed by, or on behalf of, candidates seeking offices at the Annual Town Election. Also, petitions for articles to be inserted in the warrant for the 2016, Annual and any Special Town Meetings, also applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election. After nomination papers for the Annual Town Election had been certified by the Registrars of Voters and filed with the Town Clerk, the Registrars of Voters held a meeting to draw names for the order of position on the official ballot for the election, as required by law. During all elections, the Registrars of Voters were in session throughout the entire time the polls were open to assist voters who had questions relating to registration, name and/or address changes, precincts, polling places, and other problems arising during that time. After the polls closed, the Registrars assisted in the tabulation of the ballots until the final results were announced.

The first session of Early Voting was conducted for the Presidential Election. There were 9,600 + voters who cast early votes. The expense and time put into this mandated law was overwhelming but successful.

During the year, the information contained on approximately 20,000 census forms of residents of the Town on January 1, was transferred to the VRIS system in the computer. From such information, certificates of residence are issued, when requested, to establish eligibility for attendance at state and regional schools, colleges and universities, receipt of old age assistance, veterans' services, social security, employment in state or federal civil service, and for many other purposes. In addition, Registered Voters' Certificates were issued throughout the year from the Board's records for identification purposes and for proof of citizenship.

ARLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, APRIL 2, 2016

Total of Ballots Cast - 4769

% of total number of registered voters - 15.42%

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 Precinct Total **Total Ballots Cast** 138 271 164 204 218 170 201 259 278 286 252 366 291 161 326 273 104 232 201 184 190 Moderator for Three Years (3) Precinct 12 13 14 15 Total John D. Leone 111 203 114 148 160 112 143 193 210 221 204 271 230 122 253 88 175 158 154 141 Write-in Votes Selectman for Three Years (3) **Precinct** Total Maria A. Romano 76 100 Kevin F. Greelev 80 158 112 123 122 85 128 179 166 202 176 267 181 115 220 178 64 130 112 122 134 Write-in Votes Assessor for One Year (1) **Precinct** Total Robert E. Greeley 99 183 102 134 138 97 124 157 189 195 197 248 205 107 229 196 82 162 137 137 128 Write-in Votes School Committee for Three Years (3) **Precinct** Total James F. Doherty 39 121 46 51 100 65 107 122 117 107 112 100 Leonard J. Kardon 128 195 152 287 175 119 184 233 49 160 130 136 126 Kirsi C. Allison-Ampe 164 118 125 136 135 190 162 223 169 273 174 116 225 176 69 126 127 129 136 Write-In Votes Housing Authority for Five Years (5) **Precinct** Total 99 124 137 102 137 156 206 196 191 240 203 105 229 192 Nicholas Mitropoulos 100 182 84 159 145 136 121 Write-in Votes

PRECINCT 1 Three Cleinman, Stuart P. Marshall, Paul Townsel Moir, Juliet M. Ortez, Omar A.	113 Sunnyside Avenue	95 99 108 92	PRECINCT 10 Three Pyle, Elizabeth M. Quinn, Michael J. Spengler, Mark N. Wren, Donna K.	Years 66 Gloucester Street 15 Shawnee Road 189 Jason Street 75 Hillsdale Road	202 158 133 147
PRECINCT 2 Three Cella, Steven R. Chhabra, Samit Reeder, Virginia S. Sullivan, Brendan M.	Years 99 Spy Pond Parkway 26 Spy Pond Parkway 79 Spy Pond Parkway 319 Lake Street	127 170 182 178	PRECINCT 11 Three Heigham, Christopher Spierce, Judson L. Schwartz, Paulette Wagner, Carl A.		146 166 128 142
PRECINCT 3 Three Hayward, William F. Smith, Stacie, N. Susse, Jennifer R. Vanderberg, Laura E.	Years 68 Cleveland Street, #2 9 Henderson Street 45 Teel Street 20 Waldo Road	70 106 124 115	PRECINCT 12 Three Ames, Benjamin B. Dieringer, Larry F. Jr. DiTullio, James E. Jamieson, Gordon A., J	14 Hawthorne Avenue11 Coolidge Road31 Fountain Road	226 249 281 232
PRECINCT 4 Three Kaba, Nawwaf W. Leary, Kate J. Marshall, Joseph M. McClure, M. DayDelph	7 Thorndike Street 39 Milton Street 74 Varnum Street	114 136 76 126	PRECINCT 13 Three Grunko, Zachary P. Lombard, Mark Poage, Lee Sankalia, Priya	Years 21 Old Middlesex Path 52 Hodge Road 10 Cherokee Road 253 Pheasant Avenue	152 145 166 153
PRECINCT 5 Three Donnelly, Jason M. Farrell, Catherine L. Kelleher, Christa M. Tibbetts, Gary F.	Years 36 Amherst Street 76 Park Street 153 Medford Street 15 University Road	120 130 123 92	PRECINCT 14 Three Goldstein, Amy R. Moore, Christopher B. O'Day, Brendan F. Stern, Michael W.	Years 29 Albermarle Street 80 School Street 48 Walnut Street 10 Farmer Road	118 105 118 104
PRECINCT 6 Three Ballin, James Jalkut, Daniel C. Kraus, Adele A. Reynolds, Lisa M.	Years 30 Swan Place 17 Randolph Street 438 Mass. Ave., #116 1 Pond Terrace	69 86 95 98	PRECINCT 15 Three Downing, William J. Allison-Ampe, Kirsi C. Christiana, Gregory F. Morgan, Jane Pierce	Years 24 Fabyan Street 2 Governor Road 82 Ridge Street 172 Brattle Street	174 175 182 198
PRECINCT 7 Three Goff, Phil E. Stone, Betty J. Younkin, Rebecca J. Yontar, Timur Kaya	Years 94 Grafton Street 99 Harlow Street 30 Harlow Street 58 Bates Road	132 136 133 138	PRECINCT 16 Three Boyle, Lauren V. Lewiton, Marvin Ruiz, Daniel F.B. Weiss, John C.	Years 28 Hillside Avenue 18 West Street 144 Wollaston Avenue 237 Appleton Street	207 169 185 175
PRECINCT 8 Three Foskett, Charles T. Knobloch, Nicole K. Rehrig, Brian H. Worden, John L. III	Years 101 Brantwood Road 35 Academy Street 28 Academy Street 27 Jason Street	161 178 176 174	PRECINCT 17 Three Brown, Michael J. Buck, M. Sandra Burke, William K. LeRoyer, Ann M.	Years 10 Brattle Terrace 28 Forest Street 2 Old Colony Lane, #3 12 Peirce Street	80 86 78 78
PRECINCT 9 Three Chakrabarty, Jacqueline Dobbs, Benedict Ruderman, Julia Steward, Susan R.	Years 87 Medford Street 140 Medford Street, #1 9 Alton Street 23 Alton Street	132 111 126 146	PRECINCT 18 Three Cusce, Joseph A., Jr. Donato, John Richard Irizarry, Gilbert Carsons, Carolyn M.	Years 90 Hathaway Circle 16 Homer Road 42 Standish Road 23 Brewster Road	112 134 106 113

PRECINCT 19 Three Y	'ears	
Butler, Deborah Sirotkin	19 Overlook Road	133
Broughall, John E, III		139
Durocher, Michelle M.	65 Huntington Road	136
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Monks, Flynn, C.	14 Wright Street	140
PRECINCT 20 Three Y	ears ears	
Bloom, Raymond M.	90 Sylvia Street	135
Connors, Curtis A.	46 Tanager Street	140
Kardon, Leonard J.	65 Tanager Street	155
May, Michaela C.	29 Aberdeen Road	136
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PRECINCT 21 Three Y		
Doctrow, Susan R.	99 Westminster Avenue	
Dunn, Daniel J.	58 Alpine Street	120
Mayer, Leslie A.	131 Crescent Hill Ave	112
White, David E.	55 Bow Street, #2	123
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PRECINCT 1 One Ye		400
Ford, Stephanie K.	15 Wheaton Road	103
PRECINCT 2 Two Ye	ars	
Bilsky, Alexander B.	65 Colonial Drive	201
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PRECINCT 4 One Ye	ar	
Grass, Jessica Dee	79 Fairmont Street	128
Reiss, Peter William	68 Milton Street	141
PRECINCT 5 Two Ye		
Ledger, Lauren	169 Franklin Street	165
PRECINCT 18 One Ye	ar	
	504 Appleton Street	165
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PRECINCT 1 Two Ye		
Woog, Debra A.	45 North Union Street	105
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PRECINCT 4 Two Ye	ars	70
Write-in Votes		78

ARLINGTON SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION, June 14, 2016

Total of Ballots Cast – 9718

% of total number of registered voters – 31.45%

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond or bonds issued for the purposes of paying costs of projects to design, construct, reconstruct, remodel, add to, and originally equip the Thompson School and the Gibbs School and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	2794	823	354	3544	1163	316	338	5824	115	565	574	768	579	437	568	558	199	541	538	411	427	9701
Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	2093	3492	285	2572	2942	213	265	4842	284	454	402	655	385	330	428	423	132	351	374	299	323	7196
NO	70 1	33	69	971	1221	03	73	98 1	131	111	172	113	194	107	140	135	67	190	164	112	104	2505

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay the costs of the Arlington High School Feasibility Study/ Schematic Design for Arlington High School located at 869 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington MA?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	2784	181	354	355	4173	3163	338	582	415	565	573	770	578	438	568	559	200	542	538	409	426	9702
Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	2133	3722	2882	264	3092	2182	266	495	289	460	419	663	403	347	443	434	139	370	389	303	335	7419
NO	65 1	09	66	91	108	98	72	87	126	105	154	107	175	91	125	125	61	172	149	106	91	2283

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Arlington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and originally equipping a new district school, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	2784	1793	3543	3554	153	317	3355	5794	12	564	570	769	575	437	565	555	199	537	536	411	421	9663
Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	1873	3112	2542	2532	711	1842	2383	3882	733	387	347	538	311	277	351	351	121	289	321	263	278	6193
NO	911	1681	001	021	44 1	133	97 1	1911	39	177	223	231	264	160	214	204	78	248	215	148	143	3470

ARLINGTON SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION, September 20, 2016

Total of Ballots Cast – 4109

% of total number of registered voters – 13.13%

QUESTION

Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District taken on June 27, 2016, to authorize the borrowing of \$144,922,478 to pay costs of constructing a new district school?

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	831	175	111	115	170	124	125	223	191	274	252	378	227	192	2502	270	101	251	233	189	171	4105
Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	67 °	118	97	88	130	81	83	153	128	226	152	287	131	138	1842	203	69	166	149	138	120	2908
NO	16	57	14	27	40	43	42	70	63	48	100	91	96	54	66	67	32	85	84	51	51	1197

STATE/FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS	3/1/2016	Sharon Grossman Thomas S. Michelman	6677 6391
Registered Voters	30842	REPUBLICAN	
Cards Cast	18427		
% Voter Turnout	59.75%	PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	0
		Jim Gilmore Donald J. Trump	3 1532
DEMOCRAT		Ted Cruz	322
DDECIDENTIAL DDEEEDENGE	VOTES	George Pataki	4
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE Bernie Sanders	6620	Ben Carson	71
Martin O'Malley	44	Mike Huckabee	2
Hillary Clinton	7885	Rand Paul	8
Roque De La Fuente	14	Carly Fiorina	11
rioquo Do La ridonio		Rick Santorum	1
STATE COMMITTEE MAN		Chris Christie	10
Robert D. Peters	9434	Marco Rubio	725
		Jeb Bush	44
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN		John R. Kasich	935
Melanie A. Thompson	9668		
		STATE COMMITTEE MAN	000
TOWN COMMITTEE		Scott Michael Brinch	963
Group	6136	Sean Harrington	1915
Aimee Coolidge	6649	STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN	
Carroll E. Schwartz	6554	Helen A. Hatch	2172
Paulette Schwartz	6574	пејен А. пајсн	2172
Camilla B. Haase	6573	TOWN COMMITTEE	
Deborah H. Goldsmith	6606	Group	1141
Joseph A. Curro, Jr.	7102	Sean Harrington	2096
Richard McElroy	6396	Joseph J. Monju	1301
Hannah E. Simon	6570	Charles J. Simas	1234
Sean Garballey	8890	Jean M. Griffin	1335
Mary K. Cummings	6693	Judith A. Quimby	1328
Catherine L. Farrell	6554 6315	Charles W. Hayes	1305
Sidi M. Belkziz Alice E. Trexler	6580	Phillip P. Lohnes	1247
Lisa A. Pedulla	6582	Lucia B. Caetano	1279
Gwenyth R.A. Hooper	6776	Rosemary O'Brien	1337
James E. DiTullio	6403	Robert A. Jenkins	1261
Paul Schlichtman	7039	lan C. Pilarczyk	1225
Adam E. Badik	6297	Robert K. Garrity	1404
Stuart P. Cleinman	6570	Verna E. Khantzian	1270
Susan D. Stamps	6563	Jennifer Watson	1277
Maureen B. Crewe	6421	Lyman G. Judd, Jr.	1336
Kenneth J. Donnelly	7361		
Annie La Court	7174	GREEN – RAINBOW	
Adele A. Kraus	6585		
Lynn Bishop	6510	PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	
Colleen M. Kirby	6516	Sedinam Curry	0
Barbara J. Weniger	6444	Jill Stein	14
Heather J. Fowles	6484	William P. Kreml	0
William Logan	6436	Kent Mesplay	1
John L. Galligan	6446	Darryl Cherney	I
Brian H. Rehrig	6549		
Pearl P. Morrison	6505		
Christa M. Kelleher	6545		

STATE COMMITTEE MAN		COUNCILLOR	
Times Counted	18	No Candidate	
Total Votes	2	Write-in Votes	58
Write-in Votes	2		
		SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN		No Candidate	
Times Counted	18	Write-in Votes	55
Total Votes	1		
Write-in Votes	1	REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
TOWN COMMITTEE		23rd MIDDLESEX DISTRICT	
Times Counted	18	No Candidate	
Total Votes	0	Write-in Votes	40
Write-in Votes	0	DEDDECENTATIVE IN OCCUPAL COURT	
		REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
	9/8/2016	24th MIDDLESEX DISTRICT	
ELECTION RESULTS		No Candidate	
		Write-in Votes	20
Registered Voters	31260	vviite-iii votes	20
Cards Cast	3116	SHERIFF	
% Voter Turnout	9.97%	No Candidate	
		Write-in Votes	81
DEMOCRAT		vviite iii votes	01
		STATE/FEDERAL ELECTION 11/8/2	016
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			010
Katherine M. Clark	2611	ELECTION RESULTS	
COUNCILLOR		Total Ballot Cast 26796 82.98% Num. Report Pre	ecinct 21
M.M. Petitto Devaney	1387	DDECIDENT AND VICE DDECIDENT	
Peter Georgiou	563	PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	20159
William B. Humphrey	691	Clinton and Kaine Johnson and Weld	727
		Stein and Baraka	447
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT		Trump and Pence	4625
Kenneth J. Donnelly	2599	Others	542
•			
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Γ	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
23rd MIDDLESEX DISTRICT		Katherine M. Clark	21179
Sean Garballey	1871	Others	305
•			
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Γ	COUNCILLOR	
24th MIDDLESEX DISTRICT		M.M. Petitto Devaney	19746
David M. Rogers	757	Others	272
•		SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
SHERIFF			20926
Peter J. Koutoujian	2305	Kenneth J. Donnelly Others	20926
Barry S. Kelleher	416	Others	210
, - -	•	REP. IN GEN/CRT 23rd Middle	
REPUBLICAN		Sean Garballey	16062
- 		Others	174
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
No Candidate		REP IN GEN/CRT 24th Middle	
Write-in Votes	80	David M. Rogers	5104
	00	Others	57
		SHERIFF	
		Peter I Koutouijan	20402

QUESTION 1 EXPAND SLOT-MACHINE GAMING

If passed, this law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue a second slots parlor license in the state. The letter of the proposed law is very narrow, however—the parlor would have to be located on property that is set on at least four acres, within 1,500 feet of a horse racing track, and can not be separated from the track by a highway or railway.

A "yes" vote would allow, but not compel, the Gaming Commission to license a second slots parlor. A "no" vote would leave the laws as-is.

Precinct	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 T	otal
YES	305 308 288 305 297 229 279 247 255 280 285 276 341 258 314 216 341 346 315 296 255	6036
NO	655 996 976 948 908 910 860107975310291072 1120 910 890999930 783 982 985 931 960 19	9676

QUESTION 2

CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION

This question asks voters whether Massachusetts should raise its cap on charter schools in the state. Specifically, if passed, the law would allow the state to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions per year. If the state got more than 12 applications in a year, this proposed law would give priority to lower-performing school districts. If approved, the new law would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

Currently, the law only allows for 120 charter schools to open up in the commonwealth. Seventy-eight are currently in operation.

A "yes" vote would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1 percent of the statewide public school enrollment.

A "no" vote would leave the charter school cap as it stands.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	316	448	359	358	356	375	350	460	332	411	412	436	433	328	366	392	380	444	344	411 -	401	8112
NO	676	870	914	902	872	780	803	890	699	922	952	971	843	842	975	781	772	924	963 8	832	827	18010

QUESTION 3

CONDITIONS FOR FARM ANIMALS

This question relates to the treatment of farm animals, specifically breeding pigs, calves raised for veal, and egglaying hens. The proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining those animals in a way that prevents them from laying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely. It would also prohibit businesses from selling eggs, veal, or pork from farms that confined the animals improperly.

A "yes" vote would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents those animails from laying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A "no" vote would not impose any new restrictions on farm animals or their products in the state.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	797 <i>′</i>	1078	1062	1038	1000	988	934	1148	842	1078	1047	1137	992	9611	1078	946	950	1068	10341	017	1023	21218
NO	187	240	212	234	224	173	217	205	192	251	327	274	278	204	255	222	209	291	270	236	214	4915

QUESTION 4 LEGALIZATION, REGULATION, AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA

Perhaps the most hotly discussed of the ballot questions, Question 4 asks voters whether Massachusetts should legalize recreational marijuana. If approved, the law would allow adults over 21 to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside their homes; up to 10 ounces inside their homes; grow up to six marijuana plants in their homes for personal use as long as no more than 12 plants are cultivated on the premises at one time; give up to one ounce of marijuana to someone else who is 21 or older without payment; and make products related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The law would also create a three-person Cannabis Control Commission that would be responsible for oversight. Proceeds from the retail sale of marijuana would be subject to the state sales tax and a 3.75 percent excise tax. Individual municipalities could also impose a third tax on top of that, up to 2 percent.

Public consumption of marijuana and driving while high would still be illegal if Question 4 is approved.

If it passes, the law would take effect on Dec. 15, 2016, and stores could open by early 2018.

Even if it passes, individual municipalities have the opportunity to opt out (by referendum vote) of having marijuana stores, cultivation facilities, and product manufacturers in their city or town.

A "yes" vote would legalize the possession, use, transfer, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products by and to people 21 and older. It would also provide for the regulation and taxation of the commercial sale of marijuana.

A "no" vote would keep it illegal.

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
YES	583	783	873	876	754	719	690	836	549	777	677	786	566	691	670	646	667	638	723	736	736	14976
NO	411	542	413	402	482	437	475	521	493	561	696	633	716	489	672	535	492	734	594	524	496	11318